GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITES IN BIHAR
ARUN KUMAR;RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has requested for increase in storage facility in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government for installing additional storage capacity in Bihar;

(d) whether similar requests have been received from other States as well;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by when a decision in this matter is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b)&(c): The State Government of Bihar had requested for 3 lakh MT of additional storagecapacity under the 7-years guarantee scheme in April, 2002 and the same was approved by the Government of India. The State Government, in consultation with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), has tentatively identified centres for such capacity and it is expected that the construction will be completed by December, 2003.

(d),(e)&(f): During the financial year 2002-03, requests have been received from the Government of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh for creation of additional storage capacity under the 7-years guarantee scheme. Government of Rajasthan requested for 10000 MT additional storage capacity. The request was not agreed to as there was no justification. Governments of Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh have requested for 7.5 lakh MT and 10000 MT of additional storage capacity respectively, under the 7-years guarantee scheme. Both the proposals are under consideration of the Ministry and a decision in this regard will be taken soon.